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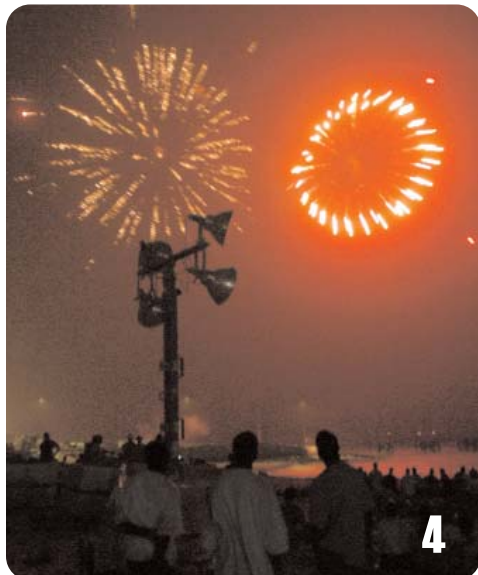
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Patton's Own Peachtree Road Race, held in conjunction with Atlanta's Peachtree Road Race, the biggest 10-kilometer foot race in the world, drew a bigger than expected crowd at Camp Arifjan for the Fourth of July.

Illustration by Sgt. Matt Millham

Allies Help Give Freedom a Chance

By Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb

CFLCC Commanding General

In the news these days there has been an abundance of speculation regarding the prospects for the futures of Iraq and Afghanistan and plenty of doubt about the chances that those nations' citizens will ever adopt a truly democratic way of life. Some say there is too much violence or that ethnic divisions are too deep to allow hope to survive, let alone flourish. Others claim the United States doesn't have the will to continue the fight. To the detractors and to our folks here who work hard every day to support our efforts throughout the CFLCC and ARCENT area of responsibility I'd like to point out a couple of things.

A few years ago, the U.S. was called upon to intervene when a certain brutal leader began an ethnic cleansing program in a part of the world known as the Balkans. Many political pundits of the day proclaimed the intervention was destined to be tossed on the trash heap historians label lost causes. After all, they said, the national and ethnic tensions between groups in that part of the world were so fierce and went back so long that we could never hope to bring peace to the region.

Today, the countries that comprise the Balkans are well on their way to resuming what most would call a normal life. No longer do the people in that part of the world have to fear the wrath of dictators or goons. In fact, a contingent of Bosnian soldiers was

recently dispatched to this theater to help maintain the security and stability that is so vital to freedom in Iraq. These are soldiers who have personally witnessed a transformation from war to peace. These are soldiers who now want to help provide for others the very thing they have only recently acquired – stability and hope for the future.

To those who claim the U.S. won't stick it out or is too impatient to commit to the long-term success of a people I would suggest they consider the example of South Korea. U.S. military men and women remain in that area today more than 55 years after they were first called to defend against the threats coming from the north. Since the "temporary" cease fire was signed in 1953, the people of South Korea have lived in freedom and prospered under a democratic system that gives the power of the government to the people. The Republic of Korea, too, has sent a division of Soldiers to help nourish the fledgling democracy in Iraq.

When you see news stories in the paper or on the internet or on TV you might notice that many use only a snapshot of the day's headlines to make sweeping predictions. Keep in mind - and take stock - of the accomplishments of the U.S. Army and our sister services over the past 230 years. Our men and women have a long tradition of sacrificing so that others might have what we have – freedom. In most of the places where we have fought against repression, the people continue today to enjoy a better

way of life.

Freedom grows in the places where it's given a chance and once it starts spreading, there is usually no stopping it.

We are giving freedom the chance it needs in Iraq and Afghanistan and we're doing everything we can to ensure that it will take root and grow stronger with each future generation.

So the next time you hear a reporter or media pundit predicting doom and gloom after a tough day of fighting, keep your eye on the long-term view and remember that our track record is the best in the world.

In our nation's history, nearly 750,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen have died while giving others a chance to live in a society free of fear or repression; a shot at prosperity and the pursuit of happiness.

Take great pride in what we do and try not to get caught up in the day to day shifting opinions of the "experts."

Thanks to every one of you for your work here as part of the Third Army/CFLCC team.

Patton's Own.



Lt. Gen. Whitcomb

Anthrax resumes

After anthrax vaccinations resumed July 5 on a voluntary basis for servicemembers, Department of Defense civilians and U.S. contractors working in the Coalition Forces Land Component Command area of operations, Brig. Gen. James Milano, operations officer for CFLCC, got an anthrax vaccine injection at Camp Arifjan. The voluntary program will expire July 27.

The new Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program follows the conditions of an emergency use authorization issued by the FDA. The EUA is a provision that allows the use of unapproved drugs or the unapproved use of approved drugs if the secretary of defense determines that there is a military emergency.

Under the new plan, CFLCC medical units have to inform all CFLCC personnel of the possible threat from anthrax as a bio-terrorism weapon and of the safety of the current anthrax vaccine. They must also give CFLCC personnel the opportunity to continue their anthrax vaccination series while in the CFLCC area of operations.



Photo by Spc. Aimee Felix

Another round, sir?

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Hak Haskins
377th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

The hot morning that most members of the 230th Area Support Group were standing in line to load some of their military gear for shipment back to the States Maj. Shawn Gamaldi slept in.

What's the point of mustering at 4:30 a.m. if one doesn't have to?

Gamaldi kept his TA-50 stowed in his room because neither his gear nor his body are going anywhere soon.

The major is one of a handful of Soldiers currently assigned to the 377th Theater Support Command who chose to extend their tours.

"I feel I am participating in a real world mission," he said. "I like this feeling."

All Soldiers within the 377th TSC were given the opportunity to extend, assuming their specialties would be needed for the coming rotation.

Gamaldi, a helicopter pilot by trade who is currently the operations officer for the deployment-redeployment section, will keep his job for another year.

Meanwhile, most current 377th TSC Soldiers will be headed home in the next

few weeks. With few exceptions, they have not masked their anticipation for getting there sooner, not later.

In a climate where deployments for Reserve Soldiers are the norm, not the exception, career citizen-Soldiers can also anticipate making a return trip overseas or an assignment Stateside. The Department of Defense and all four service branches have made clear that Reserve forces will remain an integral part of the nation's active defense.

Several members of the 377th are now completing their second or third tours since 9/11.

Gamaldi, an 18-year veteran of the Tennessee National Guard, considered that as a fact of life when making his decision to remain in Kuwait. Once he begins his second tour with the 377th it will mark his fifth deployment since 1997; Kuwait, Kosovo and Germany have been his duty assignments.

At the beginning of his second full tour in Kuwait in 2002 he closed down the commercial pressure washing business he owned and operated in Nashville. The equipment remains in storage awaiting his return.

"I would rather stay and do this job, one



that I know, than get caught up" in a future deployment where the location and daily tasks were not to his liking.

Camp Arifjan isn't Nashville — his home town — but it's not the Horn of Africa, either, where living conditions are much more Spartan.

After consulting his wife he chose to stay. "Yes, there is money involved, but it's not all about the money," he said of the theater's tax-free status. "There is a sense of duty, pride and accomplishment all mingled together."

The bombs bursting in air

Fourth of July fireworks at Kuwaiti Naval Base boom along to the Star Wars soundtrack. About 600 American and Kuwaiti troops showed up at KNB's beach for the 10-minute display, said assistant MWR officer for Kuwait James Tiessen.

"Being that we're over here fighting for freedom, the fireworks were very touching," said Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Christopher L. Bristow, who floated in from Norfolk, Va., about a week ago with his unit, Landing Craft Unit 1644. Bristow and his buddies came to the show to be reminded of home.

After the fireworks display, Capt. John Naki showed the movie "Independence Day" in a mini theater set up at the beach. Naki, KNB's MWR officer, coordinated the event and Tiessen got the approval and money to make it happen.



Photo by Sgt. Matt Millham

Safety Corner

Rollover Prevention

From the 377th Theater Support Command Safety Office

Vehicle rollovers are a common problem in theater. Some of the contributing factors in these incidents are:

1. Speeding: Vehicle speed is critical and easy to control. Obey posted speed limits, and drive according to the road condition. Don't speed!
2. Load Security: Ensure all loads are secured, properly blocked, braced and cushioned. This will prevent loads from shifting.
3. Trailer Towing: Exercise caution when towing trailers; remember that turning radius and breaking distances are greater.

To help prevent rollovers, take the following precautions:

1. Slow down for curves and on inclined roads.
2. Remember to ALWAYS wear your seat belt.
3. Perform PMCS before, during and after your mission to keep your vehicle in good operating condition.

For questions or comments contact 377th safety @ 430-6113 MAJ. Phelps or 430-5414 1LT. Surgi.

OK, let's wrap this up

Thousands of interviews, hundreds of articles and dozens of notebooks later, the lone public affairs unit serving Kuwait prepares to hand over the desert's voice

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Hak Haskins
377th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

If staying busy helps quicken time during a deployment, then Sgt. Scott White and Spc. Charles Spears will need to be reminded when it's time to go home.

That duo is part of the 14th Public Affairs Detachment, a nine-Soldier outfit from Fort Carson, Colo., charged with providing servicemembers deployed to Kuwait press coverage here and back home.

The most visible part of the unit's job is the Desert Voice magazine. White has written only two stories for the award-winning publication since arriving last July; Spears has yet to turn in a by-line.

That doesn't mean they've redefined shamming: they are broadcast journalists. Though they seldom exercise their craft behind a microphone or camera, they handle the hundreds of requests for footage of Soldiers – and troops from other service branches – that flow into theater in a never-ending stream.

The PAD has supported news outlets large and small from ABC, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC and the BBC to the Mountaineer, the newspaper that serves Fort Carson.

"It's an amazing feeling to know that we've reached so many people," said White.

When Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld held a town hall meeting at Camp Buehring in December, the PAD's camera work was watched by an estimated 10 million viewers.

In one 30-day span in the fall of 2004, Spears personally interviewed 1,500 Soldiers for a Hometown News holiday greetings program. All of them earned air time back in the States.

The broadcast-ers and their products have reached more eyes and ears, but it's the print journalists who are the best known in theater.

The Desert Voice has a weekly circulation of about 5,000, up 1,000 from a year ago; new editions are usually snapped up within 48 hours of deliveries, and requests for back issues are common, said Sgt. Matt Millham, the publication's current editor.

The PAD's print journalists provide prod-



Spc. Charles Spears briefs a group of troops before they go on camera. During his year in Kuwait, Spears taped more than 1,500 people for hometown greetings.

ucts for the Army News Service, home town media outlets and other military magazines.

He estimated somewhere around 1,000 servicemembers had been interviewed for the 49 editions the PAD will produce before it rotates home later this month; the editions were 12-page, all-color affairs that contained Soldier stories, cartoons and camp activity schedules.

The magazine was named Forces Command's top magazine for 2004 and the Army's third best overall for the same time frame.

"We wanted to produce something that people wanted to look at because they knew they were going to get something out of it," Millham said.

"We wanted more features – more local stuff – that people would be interested in."

The PAD mapped a plan long before it touched down in Kuwait on August 1, 2004.

"We were able to stick to it relatively close but you never know, coming into a situation like this, what someone else is expecting from you. They have more input into what you produce than you may like sometimes," Millham said. Never-the-less, "I don't think

I've ever seen an Army publication that allowed its journalists as much freedom to express themselves."

The unit's high-end technical expertise had always been an assumption, said commanding officer Maj. Thomas Johnson; half of the unit's enlisted Soldiers have bachelor's degrees, two hold master's degrees and much of that sheepskin came through schools of journalism.

"We had a year to plan to be technically and tactically proficient in everything other than writing and broadcasting," Johnson said. "The hard part was teaching, mentoring and ensuring the unit could do the other stuff," Johnson said.

"There was never a lull ... you are interacting with all kinds of lifestyles and telling peoples' stories," Johnson said. Some of the unit's members spent brief stints in Iraq, and one of its troops, Spc. Brian Trapp, found himself in a firefight in An Najaf late last year. "Those kinds of things make it exciting every day," the major said.

Excitement notwithstanding, members of the 14th PAD are anticipating the cool, crisp air of Fort Carson.

"After 65 to 70 hours a week for 11 months, garrison duty sounds really appealing," said Spc. Curt Cashour, one of the Desert Voice's award-winning writers.

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– Spc. Curt Cashour



Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

Patton's Own Peachtree Road Race organizer Brig. Gen. William Johnson uses a starter's pistol to kick off the race July 4.

On your marks

By Spc. Curt Cashour

It's a question almost as old as the military itself: what is there to do to pass precious free time in the midst of a long deployment?

Some troops swap war stories; others immerse themselves in DVDs or books. Servicemembers and civilians from U.S. military installations across Kuwait brought more than 20 years of running tradition to the confines of Camp Arifjan.

More than 1,000 servicemembers and civilians participated in the Patton's Own version of the 10 Kilometer Peachtree Road Race July 4 at Camp Arifjan.

The race was held in conjunction with the original Peachtree event. Held annually in downtown Atlanta, the stateside race typically draws about 55,000 participants and is considered the world's most popular 10K road race.

Minutes before the run's 5 a.m. start time, contestants mingled near the start point, stretching, chatting and posing for photographs against a backdrop of patriotic tunes such as James Brown's "Living in America."

Mark Woelzlein was actually slated to run in the Atlanta version of the race. He had to cancel his plans, however, when he received orders to deploy to Camp Doha with his unit, the 335th Theater Signal Command, an Army Reserve unit based at Camp Doha. He found out about the Patton's Own run about a week ago during his in-processing brief. Woelzlein, 43, was one of 13 335th Soldiers who left Doha at 3 a.m. to make the trip, he said.

So why would someone want to brave the desert heat and rise in the wee

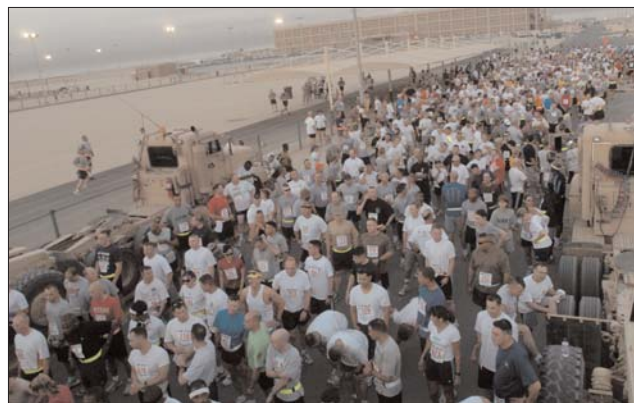


Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

The nearly 1,000 race participants await the start.



Photo by Sgt. Matt Millham

Left: Ricky Huggler, a member of the 1185th Transportation Terminal Brigade, celebrated his 35th birthday by signing up for the race early in the morning July 4. Center: A Soldier with Wisconsin's 1158th Transportation Company tries to keep cool by running through a water

hours of the morning for a run? Some ran for the competition, some ran to push themselves and some just ran for something to do.

"Just for the excitement, the challenge," said 40-year-old 335th Soldier Mark Benton.

Bryan Abregano and Steven Ronquillo, both of the 487th Field Artillery, a National Guard unit from Oahu, Hawaii, got up at 3 a.m. to drive from Kuwaiti Naval Base to attend the run. Though they weren't competing, the pair made the trip so they could cheer on their squad leader Joe Kanwale.

The event was the brainchild of Brig. Gen. William Johnson, director of movement and distribution management for Coalition Forces Land Component Command. Johnson, an Atlanta native who has participated in each of the last 26 Peachtree races, got the idea for the Patton's Own race last year while deployed to Kuwait.

Johnson wasn't about to let his deployment prevent him from participating in the run, so he mapped out a 10K course at Camp Arifjan, completed his run, and sent the results to race proprietors with the Atlanta Track Club. Back then, he was the only participant in Kuwait. This year, however, he worked with Atlanta Track Club staff to broaden overseas participation, he said.

With a starter pistol in one hand and a cell phone in the



Photo by Sgt. Matt Millham

other, Johnson kicked things off while talking to race proprietors who were standing at the start point in Atlanta.

The partnership between Atlanta and Kuwait is an extension of the strong support Atlanta gives its local military community. With Third U.S. Army, the lead organization for U.S. military operations in Kuwait, being headquartered in Atlanta, it's only natural that this support would extend to Kuwait, Johnson said.

Robert Schnell, a 32-year-old with the 158th Corps Support Battalion, a National Guard unit



Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

sprayer about 7 kilometers into the 10-kilometer race. Right: Kathryn Gonzales, a Sailor with Naval Expeditionary Logistics Support Force – Forward Oscar, distributes commemorative T-shirts to race participants after the race.

from Arizona, finished first overall with a time of 34 minutes 5 seconds. A member of the Army National Guard Marathon Team, Schnell has placed first in nine races since arriving in Kuwait in October 2004. While not ideal, running conditions for the race were as good as could be expected in a desert environment, Schnell said.

Second place honors went to Michael Paul Harvey, a 27-year-old 335th member who came in with a time of 37 minutes 2 seconds. Harvey, who usually completes his two-mile Army

Physical Fitness Test in 9 minutes 45 seconds, prepared for the race by running at least an hour a day in the weeks leading up to the run, he said.

In addition to the more than 1,000 runners who participated in the Patton's Own run, approximately 1,000 servicemembers ran in satellite races held July 3 at Camp Victory, Iraq and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The track club waived the usual \$20 fee for overseas participants and provided complimentary Peachtree T-shirts for race finishers, Johnson said.



Photo by Spc. Curt Cashour

As has been the case with each of the nine runs he has participated in since arriving in Kuwait in October 2004, Robert Schnell, a Soldier with the 158th Corps Support Battalion, took first place.



Photo by Spc. Heather Allen, 377th Theater Support Command

Above: A miniature wave erupted in the stands as the 377th TSC's sandlot softball game got under way.

Below: Maj. Gen. Paul E. Mock addressed members of the 377th TSC following a brief awards ceremony. The commanding general lauded the accomplishments of the unit and its subordinate commands.

Organized long before the day

The 377th celebrated the final full month of its tour Friday with an organizational day, a fitting term for a unit that redefined the word.



Photo by Master Sgt. Hak Haskins, 377th TSC Public Affairs

377th followed successful roadway

Story by Master Sgt. Hak Haskins

377th Theater Support Command Public Affairs

Two hours before the 377th Theater Support Command's organizational day last Friday the unit's commanding general made it clear that organizational skills were common long before the party was ever planned.

Maj. Gen. Paul E. Mock reminded members of the 377th of their accomplishments, and the achievements of the command's subordinate units, during the 377th's current tour, which is scheduled to terminate sometime next month.

"From the seaports and airfields to the battlefield, the unit ensured that Soldiers, vehicles, equipment and supplies arrived and moved to the point of greatest need," Mock said.

His speech, which followed a brief awards ceremony, was part of a day filled with activities for the unit he has commanded since last August.

Each member received a T-shirt, baseball cap, belt buckle and unit coin as part of the commemoration. An American-style picnic lunch — featuring two roasted hogs — preceded sandlot softball and a chance to take a few hours off work.

But the relaxation at the end of the day was made possible by what began nearly a year ago.

Mock read a prepared list, he said, to prevent him from reciting the litany of what the 377th completed while in theater. The 377th:

- * Provided command and control to more than 8,700 Army and coalition Soldiers — 12,994 at the peak of the surge — who deployed nearly 140,000 troops, 2.1 million tons of materiel, 240 million gallons of fuel, more than 108,000 vehicles and containers, and added Level 3 armor to 13,500 vehicles.
- * Simultaneously deployed coalition partners.
- * Sustained theater logistics in dozens of



Photo by Capt. Chris Rimel, 377th TSC Public Affairs



Photo by Master Sgt. Hak Haskins, 377th TSC Public Affairs

Above: One of the two swine cooked for the day was done Hawaiian style - in a fire pit.

Left: Soldiers stood in line to fill their plates at the organizational day picnic.

nodes covering hundreds of miles of supply routes while defending against an aggressive enemy.

- * Consolidated more than 80 percent of the aged accounting transactions.
- * Recovered, disposed of or put back into the Army system more than \$3.8 billion worth of equipment.
- * Transported 250 million liters of bottled water.
- * Provided spiritual guidance through the chaplain's office through services attended by more than 2,200 each week, while providing counseling to more than 144,000 Soldiers who were redeploying or going on R&R.
- * Worked with the Humanitarian Operations

Center to provide 160,000 cases of food rations to Iraq and three containers of mattresses, pillows and similar items.

The 377th accomplished those feats, and more, without a single case of AWOL and only a handful of disciplinary actions, the commander said.

"But it all boils down to one common denominator: you the Soldier," Mock said. "You are members of the finest fighting force the world has ever seen.

"You have shown nothing but continuous improvement through the entire deployment period," he said. "You took pride in your organization and represented the armed forces superbly, as you have done for your nation."

Sappr. Gureng Surya and Cpl. Rai Bagmani are Nepalese troops serving in the British army. Nepal and Great Britain have had this arrangement for nearly two centuries, and the troops are known as Gurkhas, a name derived from a small town in western Nepal.



Coalition within the coalition

Story and photo by Spc. Aimee Felix

Much like the U.S. military, Britain, the second largest partner in the coalition rebuilding Iraq, has a support headquarters in Kuwait. Unlike the U.S. military, though, which has one support troop for every nine troops in Iraq, Britain has just one support troop for every 675 British troops up north.

A team of 13 troops make up the British support element in Kuwait. Known as Operational Stand Down, these troops support roughly 9,000 British troops in Iraq as well as non-U.S. forces serving under British command in Iraq.

Operating out of a circle of trailers that serve as their homes and offices, these Britons are responsible for supplying troops in Iraq with everything from engineering equipment to a place to unwind.

Operational Stand Down, which moved to Arifjan from Camp Doha almost three months ago, regularly houses about 100 rest and recuperation troops at a time. A local resources team, several engineers, R&R and general staff personnel all work within the complex and are on the third month of their six-month deployment to Kuwait.

Of the 13 British troops, two are Nepalese. During two years of war between Nepal and Britain in the early 1800s, the British were impressed by the fighting skills of the Nepalese. So, as part of an 1816 peace treaty between Nepal and Britain, a large

number of Nepalese troops, called Gurkhas, volunteered for service in the British military.

The two Nepalese soldiers working in OSD, Sappr. Gureng Surya and Cpl. Rai Bagmani, purchase local materials and equipment, and coordinate for equipment to be fixed for the 70th (Gurkha) Field Support Squadron deployed to Iraq.

Making local purchases and coordinating for equipment to be fixed by local contractors is also the main task for most of the other British support troops.

A local resources team, made up of engineers and combat shoppers, gets damaged electrical and mechanical equipment fixed and purchases whatever troops in Iraq can't get through their supply chain, said local resources team member Cpl. Allan Bodill.

Warrant Officer 2 Gary Court, another member of the team, coordinates with Combat Support Associates at Camp Doha for the

equipment, which is brought from Iraq to Kuwait, to be fixed. Anything CSA can't do, Court contracts out to local civilian companies.

Purchasers also buy equipment and materials that could be delivered from the United Kingdom but

are more easily and efficiently purchased in Kuwait, said Court.

Aside from providing support for units in Iraq, OSD's other mission, the in-theater R&R program, provides a two- to four-day break for British troops deployed to Iraq. It's especially useful for troops on deployments shorter than six months who are ineligible for the two-

week R&R British troops on six-month tours get. Warrant Officer 1 Mark Phillips, OSD's commanding officer compared this mission to the job of a hotel manager, a reason he provides to explain why this is his least physically taxing deployment yet. His other deployments to Northern Ireland, Cyprus and Brunei were much more challenging.

That and the variety of Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities available at Camp Arifjan make this deployment the least physically demanding one for the other dozen men on the team, too.

"This is not what I expected from a deployment. Usually I'd be in a tent or in the back of a wagon somewhere," said Bodill, who has deployed to Kosovo, Bosnia and in support of the Gulf War – or Op Telec 1, as the British refer to the Gulf War.

Court is amazed at how much Kuwait City has changed since he deployed here in support of Desert Storm 14 years ago, he said.

Aside from the comfort and safety of Kuwait, the British troops are entertained by the novelty that is country music night. "We don't do anything like that unless we've been drinking," said Phillips, a regular at Zone 6's country music nights.

Not that these troops seem too broken up about being away from their families; the MWR, ease of the deployment and accessibility to phones and Internet makes the time away from home easier.

"She knew the government comes first," said Sgt. Kenny Bertram, referring to the fiancée he plans to marry upon his return "if she's not cheeky," he said in a thick Scottish accent.

Phillips concurred with this sentiment and looked at the bright side. "Distance makes the heart grow fonder."

"This is not what I expected from a deployment. Usually I'd be in a tent or in the back of a wagon somewhere." – Cpl. Allan Bodill

Community

happenings for July 13 through July 20

Arifjan

Wednesday

USO/AFE Gina Notrica, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Hip Hop Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool

Thursday

Country Western Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Mexican Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court
R&B/Old School Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Cardio kickboxing, 5:30 a.m., Stretch and flex, 8 a.m. Circuit weight training 3 p.m., Zone 2 gym
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool

Friday

Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
R&B Night/Old School, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court
Hip Hop Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Arifjan Boxing Team, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 gym
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool
Interval training, 5:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Zone 1 gym

Saturday

Jenga Tournament, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
R&B/Old School, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Mexican Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court
Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Audie Murphy Club study sessions, 3 p.m., Building 508 Room 25B
Circuit weight training, 5:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool

Sunday

Mexican Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Hip Hop Music Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool
Cardio kickboxing, 5:30 a.m., Stretch and Flex, 8 a.m., Circuit weight training, 1 p.m., Step Aerobics, 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym

Monday

Karaoke Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Arifjan Boxing Team, 7:30 p.m., Zone 6 gym
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool
Legs, butts and guts, 5:30 a.m., Stretch and flex 8 a.m., Step aerobics, 1 p.m., Circuit weight training, 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym

Tuesday

Bingo Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool
Cardio kickboxing, 5:30 a.m., Stretch and flex, 8 a.m., Circuit weight training, 1 p.m., Step aerobics, 3 p.m., Zone 1 gym

Wednesday

Country Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 stage
Hip Hop Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center
Lap swimming, 5 to 7 a.m., pool
Salsa Night, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Food Court

For more information call 430-1202

Buehring

Wednesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell

flagpole

Aerobics, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., MWR Tent 4

Thursday

Gina Notrica, MWR stage (Call for info)
Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole
Tae-Kwon-Do class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Friday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole

Saturday

Bazaar (Call for info)
Tae-Kwon-Do Class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Sunday

Bazaar (Call for info)
Walking Club (10 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole

Monday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole
Aerobics, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., MWR Tent 4

Tuesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole
Tae-Kwon-Do class, 7 p.m., MWR Tent 1

Wednesday

Walking Club (5 miles), 5:30 a.m., command cell flagpole
Aerobics, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., MWR Tent 4

For more information call 828-1340

Kuwaiti Naval Base

Friday

Dodge Ball Tournament, 6 p.m. (Call for info)

Sunday

"Survivor", 7 p.m., MWR gym

For more information call 839-1063

Navistar

Wednesday

Horseshoe Tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center

Thursday

Horseshoe Tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center

Friday

Horseshoe Tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center

Saturday

Horseshoe Tournament, 6 to 10 p.m., Horseshoe pits

Sunday

Horseshoe Tournament, 6 to 10 p.m., Horseshoe pits

Monday

Air hockey tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center

Tuesday

Air hockey tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center
Smoking cessation classes, 10 a.m., Rec. tent
Education/Awareness/Prevention, 1 p.m., Rec. tent

Wednesday

Air hockey tournament practice, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., MWR center

For more information call 844-1137

Spearhead/SPOD

For more information call 825-1302

Victory

Wednesday

Poker tournament, 7 p.m., Multifunction tent

Friday

Summer Olympic Award Ceremony, 8:30 a.m., Command cell

Tuesday

Bazaar, 10 a.m., Multifunction tent

For more information call 823-1033

Virginia

Wednesday

Country Night, 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Thursday

Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m., MWR

Friday

Bazaar, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Dusty Room

Saturday

Dominoes Tournament, 7 p.m., MWR

Sunday

Billiards Tournament, 7 p.m., Sports Lounge

Monday

Ping Pong Tournament, 7 p.m., MWR

Tuesday

Bingo, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

Wednesday

Horeshoes, 4 p.m., Horeshoe pits

For more information call 832-1045

Arifjan Education Center

Earn 1 semester hour in one week for FREE!! Each credit earned can be used toward a Military Science Degree with Central Texas College (CTC), as transfer elective credits and promotion points.

CTC is offering the following Advanced Skills Education Program (ASEP) classes in support of NCO Professional Development. Each class is held at the Camp Arifjan Education Center from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

- * July 17-22: Performance Orientated Training
- * July 24-29: Counseling Techniques

In addition, CTC will also offer Functional Aptitude Skills Training (FAST) classes to help troops improve their GT scores. You may chose between the morning or afternoon session. The ASVAB test will be given upon class completion. July 10-28, Su-Th, 8 a.m. -Noon or 1 p.m. -5 p.m.

New schedules are posted regularly. Visit the Camp Arifjan Education Center for more details or call 430-1381/1373. Please direct all email inquiries to karen.elizabeth.rhodes@us.army.mil.

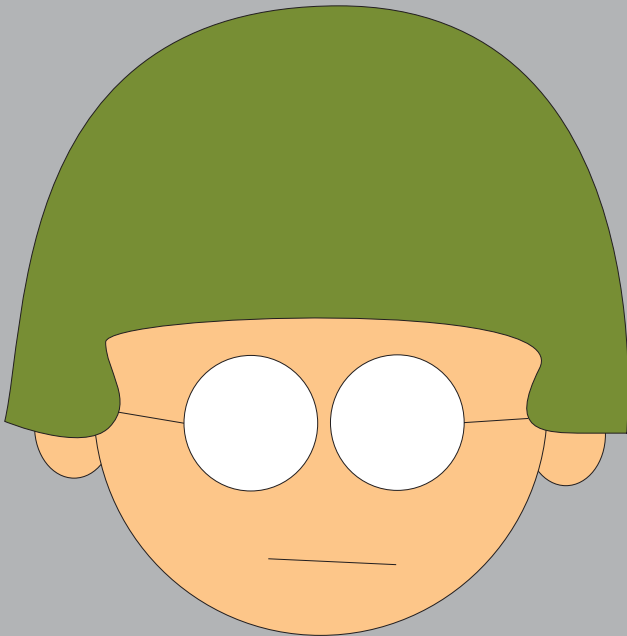
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Sometimes you get 'em sometimes you don't

By Timothy R. Dillingham

Forward Operating Base McKenzie, Iraq

When you're trying to find a bomb bearer
While you're fighting in the war on terror
You have to be cautious
When nerves make you nauseous
'Cause God forbid you make an error



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Time

By Spc. Taleatha Samantha John-Jules

436th Movement Control Battalion

In a minute there is time.
For love cannot be defined.
An everlasting love sees everlasting beauty.
This is why we must free our mind.

In a minute there is time,
time to breathe, time to see
who we really need.
A sign of morality.
Memorialize your thoughts and dreams be forever free.
In a minute there is time, time to see how much you mean to me.